

BROADBENT, Charles N. and
Sara Jane "Jennie" Wood

Charles was born in Santaquin, Utah, June 1, 1873. His father was a polygamist, having three wives and many children. Times were very hard. Later he left home and lived with a brother-in-law in Provo to go to the B.Y. Academy. Charles worked every weekend and every holiday trying to keep his mother and pay his way to school. He finished and got his normal degree and his first teaching job was in Bluff, Utah.

Sarah Jane was born in Cedar City, Utah July 3, 1882. She was called "Jennie" all her life. Their family was called by President Wilford to go settle Bluff, Utah in San Juan County, and make peace with the Indians. Her father somehow managed to get \$21.00 for her tuition at the B.Y. Academy. She had to miss most of the parties because she didn't have good enough clothes to wear. She had no money, so she would pick up stubs of pencils to write with. In 1902, Brother Wood asked Charles to carry a message to Jennie for him. This is where they met. They were married in the Salt Lake Temple August 19, 1903.

He quit teaching and they moved to Provo where he invested in the Passey store with his brother. By 1907 they had two sons and Charles was called on a mission to the Northern States. Conditions became so bad they had to use all of their savings to keep Charles on the mission. Jennie accepted an offer to teach school in Monticello, Utah.

At the end of this mission, Charles received three letters the same day: 1. The mission president commending him for his work and release; 2. His father-in-law was dying; 3. He lost every penny they had in the store (they never regained one cent).

He arrived home December 24, 1909. He visited a day or two then left Jennie to finish her year of teaching and he came to Provo to find employment. There was none to be had. He decided to go on to Heber and visit his two brothers and his mother. Joseph R. Murdock asked if he would be the editor and manager of the Wave Publishing Co. On January 10, 1910 he took the position and held it for 30 years. On May 10 Jennie and the boys moved to Heber. They became the proud parents of eleven children: Verd, Clyde,

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Charles N Broadbent

LeRoy, Marden, Josephine, Milton, Keith, Jennie, Alice, Ray, and Norma.

Charles served in many leadership positions of both stake and ward, serving 31 years as stake clerk. His wisdom and advice was sought by many. He was made an "Honorary Master M Man" because of his many church positions during his lifetime. He died January 19, 1963.

Jennie was a vivacious and dynamic woman who brought delight to family, friends, and acquaintances. She taught in all the auxiliary organizations and served as President of Primary, Relief Society, and Stake YLMA. She received an "Honorary Golden Cleaners Award" and was chosen as Wasatch County "Mother of the Year".

Together they served a 14 month mission in Northern California. She passed away March 26, 1959.

Her last words to her eleven children were: "I love you. Live the gospel."

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